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implying that they are speaking in the name of the church president.

This year for the first time they are being fought back with the same kind of artillery. Democratic bishops are denying the authority of Republican bishops to speak for the church, and are strongly urging the right of Mormon Republicans to vote for Mr. Morris if they so desire. In this way the contest has developed into almost a sulphuric affair, and it becomes more apparent every day, with this condition prevailing, that it would be practically impossible for President Smith, even if that were his disposition, to so readjust the political situation as to throw any appreciable numbers of votes to either of the candidates. He could have done so a week ago, but it looks now as if the fight had progressed too far for one of his imperial edicts to be successful.

This unprecedented state of affairs, favorable to the Democrats, was brought about largely through the efforts of the astute Councilman Fernstrom. Learning that Callister and Anderson and their henchmen were making inroads among Morris Republicans on the pretext that the church desired the election of Lynch, he made a protest to the president, and was authorized by the president to state that no such authority had been received from him and that he would be neutral throughout the campaign. Armed with this assurance, Fernstrom began his aggressive flanking movement, reinforced with the aiding and abetting bishops who favor Morris.

Whether Fernstrom triumphs or is vanquished by Callister and Anderson, it will prove a remarkable contest, one such as has not been witnessed here in the memory of the oldest local politicians. If uninterrupted from South Temple street, it also means that the relative strength of Morris and Lynch will be so nearly equal that there should remain little question of the election of Ezra Thompson.

Younger Mormons are viewing the sub-ecclesiastical hostilities with especial interest. They look forward to the outcome with the greatest equanimity. Above everything else, they realize that the election of Mr. Thompson means not only a severe rebuke to ecclesiastical meddling, but the complete smashing of the Smoot-Callister-Anderson machine, against the bizarre operations of which many of them have been fighting ever since statehood was granted to Utah.

BRUDER FERNSTROM LAFFS.

Ay got gude laff on Yentiles now—
Das suckers feeling purty sore;
Yu bat yure life Ay ant troo yat—
Ay serve in council sax y'ars more.

Ven all ban saying, "Holy Yee,
Das Svede ban out—how gude I feel,"
Ay yust ban laying low, by Yorge,
To skuffle cards and gat new deal.

Ha, ha, you laff—vel, yust you vate;
Das Svede ant learning no new tricks.
Yu suckers sune vill gat yure share
In brand new Svedish politics.

Who laffing best ban laffing last,
And I skol feeling purty val,
Ven Ay skol say for two y'ar more,
"Yu Yantile yents can go to hal."

A. K. N.

Republican headquarters was the scene of some rather bellicose demonstrations during the week. The occasion for hostilities was mutual suspicion and distrust. Some of the old guard are very suspicious that some of the ostensible
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